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1. WHEN I SAW PM KY AT HIS HOME LAST NIGHT TO GIVE HIM TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND COPY OF SPEECH MADE BY PRESIDENT AT AWARD CEREMONY HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND PLEASURE AT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE..AS I HAD PREVIOUSLY ALSO READ HIM SOME EXCERPTS FROM LATEST US PRESS ROUNDUP (STATE 21959) WHICH GAVE RATHER MORE BALANCED VIEW OF ELECTIONS HERE THAN EARLIER ONES.

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2. HE WAS IN RELAXED MOOD AND SAID THAT HE AND THI EU PLANNED TO APPEAR AT AN EARRLY PRESS CONFERENCE. ON THAT OCCASION THEYPROPOSED TO REPEAT THEIR PREVIOUS STATEMENTS THAT THE GVN WAS DETERMINED TO SEE THAT ELECTIONS WERE FAIR AND HONEST AND TO GIVE MAXIMUM COOPERATION TO CANDIDATES. HE WOULD ASK CANDIDATES TO REGISTER REQUFSTS AND COMPLAINTS WITH THEM PROMPTLY SO THAT THEY COULD BE ACTED UPON.

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3. HE SAID THAT HE AND THIEU WOULD ACCOMPANY CIVILIAN CANDIDATES ON SOME OF THEIR FUTURE TRIPS AND THAT ON AT LEAST ONE HE WOULD PILOT PLANE HIMSELF.
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